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### Judicial Branch Announces Updates and Fixes to eFileMaine

**January 21, 2021.** The Maine Judicial Branch announced today that an updated version of its eFiling platform, eFileMaine, will be released this evening, January 21, 2021, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. to improve system performance in response to comments received from users of the eFiling system during the first several weeks of operation. The system will be unavailable while the update is in process.

Updates include the following:

- An **eCheck filing fee payment** option will be available for eFilers in addition to the ability to pay filing fees by credit or debit card.
- The system will **display the reason an eFiling is rejected**, if applicable, to assist users in quickly correcting a filing.
- **Maine attorney bar numbers** will be validated to eliminate messages experienced by some users that their Bar ID was not valid.
- The **“Service Only” option** will be active as a standalone option.
- A **user will be able to add themselves as a “Service Contact”** and not receive an “unauthorized access” message.
- **Electronic service will now occur when an eFiling is submitted** to the court.
- **Date stamping for lead documents and associated attachments** will be active and displayed by the system.
- **Filing events and associated fees** have been reconciled so filers will be able to choose the appropriate filing fee for a filing event.
- **Duplicate filing codes and party names** that displayed in some situations have been eliminated.
- Messages preventing fee processing for **attorney filers associated with an entity** (as opposed to a person) have been resolved.
- Performance tuning and other system updates to increase the overall speed and performance of the system.

eFiling launched in Bangor courts and the statewide Business and Consumer Docket on November 30, 2020 for all case types with the exception of criminal, civil violations, juvenile, protection from abuse, and protection from harassment. Additional case types and courts in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties will begin eFiling later this year.

Learn more about eFiling at [Maine eCourts](https://www.courts.maine.gov/eCourts).

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